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LYTLE CREEK ROAD PROTECTION APPROVED

SAN BERNARDINO - A project approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday will help ensure that a section of Lytle Creek Road - the only paved access into or out of the Lytle Creek community - does not succumb to erosion again.

Contractors will use rocks and concrete to create a sturdy "wall" beneath a portion of Lytle Creek Road north of Green Mountain Road. Flooding this past winter eroded dirt beneath the road and washed out part of a lane. Crews had to use dirt for road support when they repaired the lane, leaving the section vulnerable to flooding.

"Residents depend on Lytle Creek Road, and I will do everything I can to ensure it is protected from future storm damage," said Second District Supervisor Paul Biane. "This project does just that by strengthening the bank that serves as the road's foundation."

Contractors are scheduled to begin work on the \$169,735-project later this month and should be finished by mid-November. Besides installing erosion protection, crews also will replace protective guardrail, which was severely damaged during winter flooding.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is expected to cover the cost of the entire project because a Federal Disaster Declaration was issued following heavy flooding the County experienced this past winter.

This is the first of two projects to protect Lytle Creek Road from erosion. The second entails placing more rocks and concrete beneath an adjacent stretch of Lytle Creek Road that is also susceptible to floods. This project will be completed later because FHWA considers the work a

permanent repair. The first project is considered an emergency repair because a section of lane washed out and guardrail was damaged.